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Applicant: Tom Q. WELLBAUM et al. Conf.: 2979

Appl. No.: 09/427,300 Group: 2661

Filed: October 26, 1999 Examiner: PHAN, Tri H.

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ARBITRARY  
CONCATENATION IN A SWITCH

LARGE ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM  
FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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May 3, 2005

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In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 4, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This Paper includes:

**Amendments to the Specification**, which begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims**, which are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 15 of this paper.